ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - REVENUE DEPARTMENT - Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, formerly Village Revenue Officer, Kodigudem Village and (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District - Trapped on 18.02.2019 - Sanction for Prosecution - Accorded- Reg.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.29 **Dated:25.01.2023**

ORDER:

WHEREAS, Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, S/o. Thirupati Rao, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Kodigudem Village and (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna, S/o. Nageswara Rao, 30 years is a native of Dorasanipadu Village, Dwaraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna is a native of Dorasanipadu Village, his father Nageswara Rao having agriculture land in Survey No.220-1 to an extent of land Ac.3.35 cents and Survey No.239/1A Ac.0.75 cents totaling to Ac.4.10 cents situated at Ch. Pothepalli Village of Dwaraka Tirumala Mandal. As his father lost his leg about 20 years ago in an accident and that he is looking after the cultivation works of lands. Since they did not get the e-pass book to their lands on his father name, on 20.01.2019 he applied for e-passbook to Tahsildar, Dwaraka Tirumala through mee-Seva and the same was rejected. Again on 11.02.2019 he applied for e-passbook through mee seva and approached Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, Village Revenue Officer (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District. Then Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam demanded to pay Rs.1,000/- for each acre totaling to Rs.4,000/- for 4 acres for processing his application. Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna is not willing to give bribe, returned by saying that he has no money. Later, when he made a call from his phone to Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam's phone, again Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam demanded Rs.4,000/- for doing his work. On 17.02.2019 at about 2.54 PM Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam called through his mobile phone No.9550647208, to the mobile No.9440352374 of Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna and reiterated his demand of Rs.4,000/- as bribe. Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna recorded the demand of Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam in his mobile and on the same day he got converted the conversation in-to a CD through his personal computer. As Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna is not willing to pay the bribe to Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, lodged a

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complaint to DSP, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru for necessary action against Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, (i/c) Village Revenue Officer since, he demanded bribe of Rs.4,000/- for issuing of e-pass book. Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna gave CD conversation to the DSP, ACB, Eluru, who after observing the procedural formalities registered a case in Cr.No.04/RCT-EWG/2019 U/s 7(b) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

4. AND WHEREAS, having completed the pre trap proceedings on 18.02.2019 from 14.30 hours to 15.30 hours, the trap party left the office at 15.45 hours and reached the vicinity of O/o Tahsildar, Dwaraka Tirumala at 17.15 hrs and took vantage positions. Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna proceeded to the office of Tahsildar, Dwaraka Tirumala and returned after few minutes, and informed to DSP that the Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam is not found in the Tahsildar office. Then the DSP asked him to contact the Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam over phone and inform about his arrival. Accordingly, Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna called Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam and put in speaker mode. The other person who answered the call informed that he went to Kodugudem and asked him to wait at office and he will return within one hour or so. On that the trap party along with Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna went towards Dwaraka Tirumala hill and spent some time and returned to Tahsildar office at about 18.15 hours. Then the DSP reiterated his earlier version and asked Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna to go to the Tahsildar office. At about 18.20 hours, Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna went into the Tahsildar office, the trap party took vantage positions in and around the Tahsildar office. At about 18.30 hours, Sri Rayipati Leela Krishna came out from the Tahsildar office and gave pre-arranged signal. Immediately, the trap party rushed to the place and trapped the Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam. The DSP organized the chemical test to both hand fingers of Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam and both the hands yielded positive result. On questioning about the bribe amount, Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam took out wad of currency notes from his left side shirt pocket and produced before DSP. Then on the instructions of DSP, ACB, one of the mediators took the said currency notes and upon counting they are containing One (01) note of Rs.2000 and four (04) notes of Rs.500 denomination totalling to Rs.4,000/- and when compared the serial numbers and denominations of the currency notes already noted in the pre-trap proceedings found tallied. The DSP organized chemical test on the inner linings of the left side upper shirt pocket of the Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam also yield positive result in chemical test. The DSP seized the tainted currency notes of Rs.4,000/- along with the shirt and 3 sealed bottles containing the chemical washes along with connected records. He also prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, Village Revenue Officer, Kodigudem Village and (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwaraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District constitute offences punishable under section 7(a) and (b) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

6. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam S/o Thirupati Rao, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Kodigudem Village and (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District from service after fully and carefully

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examining the material (i.e. copies of FIR, Mediator Reports, statement of witnesses, made up files, Final Report of DG, ACB etc.,) placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and in the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, S/o Thirupati Rao, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Kodigudem Village and (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, the Government hereby accord sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Pajjuri Subrahmanyam, S/o. Thirupati Rao, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Kodigudem Village and (i/c) Ch. Pothepalli Village, Dwraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District for the above said offence punishable under U/s 7(a) & (b) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh,
VIJAYAWADA.